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Sir:

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- 1. Notice of Appeal from the Examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences;
- 2. Arguments to Accompany the Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review;
- 3. Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review;
- 4. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a);
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